



# Stormclouds

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## EDITORIAL:

Hail and greetings, Sisters and Brothers of the Warrior Path! With the distribution of "Stormclouds" #1, we of the RAVENSCALL Collective have officially opened a channel of communication with those people who are members of the Warrior Traditions throughout the world. It is our belief that a rejuvenation of this Ancient Path may well be the key of sincerity necessary to bring us to the attention of other equally sincere revolutionaries who, until now, have viewed us( the Pagan Community) as too hopelessly disorganized to be anything but a hindrance in the strife to come. We believe we have ideas that, if joined together with other militant Pagan groups, could play a vital part in reforging the Tribal essence that would give us unity while also proving our love, determination and commitment to our revolutionary Sisters and Brothers. These, then, will hopefully be our functions:

#1) To join together the shattered Traditions of the world into a system of Elder- Government, thus scattering the eclectic, tradition-of-the-week,egotist,status-quo-kissing,pseudo "Pagans".

#2) To establish a Council of respected individuals of the Pagan movement to pass the "Decree of Bane" upon those who come from traditions that are wearily obvious as having been invented from purloined and/or fictional sources, and seek to claim them as being "Ancient", proceeding to tell fledgling students of Pagan Nature Spirituality that theirs was always the one true way; the same bane to be placed upon those who defy their oaths of secrecy for whatever reason, but particularly for their own profit. This knowledge would be published in newsletters, cooperating with the Council, to warn new Pagans of whom to avoid.

#3) The declaration of the "United States" as stolen land, rightfully belonging to its Native People, in all such newsletters, raising this issue to the status of a major concern in the minds of those not of Native American origin. Any planned action Councils formed by Pagans who are not Native Americans would raise ideas to be organized into no-nonsense requests to American Indian Councils in order to insure that our military movements do not interfere with their own plans for their rightful land.

#4) The declaration of Pagan opposition to all colonial rule and the demand for the return of Native lands: Councils would be formed in each respective nation and spokespeople sent to a central gathering at decided times to undertake communal decision. A nation that disagrees cannot be "outvoted" in an issue; the other nations may only take mutual action on matters in such a way that it will not affect the safety or free movement of the disagreeing nation.

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#5) The instruction and perpetuation of a diverse group of teachers who would have the responsibility of instructing Pagans in the arts of battle, old and new, to make possible the ability of the Pagan Community to protect itself during the obvious attacks that will come from the threatening Patriarchs.

#6) The establishment of Tribal Law, to be presented in written declaration by each of the spokes-people of the various tribal nations to the members of the unified Pagan Councils. These, it would be made clear to the Patriarchs, are our laws, and we are answerable only to our Elders! The breach of a patriarchal "law" would be taken up with the "accused" Pagan's Elders, who would decide whether or not a transgression had been made. The detainment of a Pagan by Patriarchs for the so-called "breaking of the law", without bothering to present the case to the Tribe itself, would be declared the taking of a war prisoner. The necessary steps would then be taken to release the P.O.W., including the detainment of certain enemy figures as prisoners in order to assure their return.

There are many more points that could be covered here, but the preceding six were a good start, as under the basis of Tribal Law, racial, sexual, political and religious discrimination would be fought against as the Great Enemy reaching its arms into our own camp. Most problems, it seems, would be dissolved by the basic concepts of Tribal thinking; this presents itself as a good place to start with our solutions.

Many topics will be covered in future issues of Stormclouds, and it is our hope that other groups will contact us so that a networking of ideas can begin. The first Tribes will, by necessity, be small, but will grow as we prove to people our worth and present to them ideas of different religious and political systems they had never heard of, having been caught in the net of lies woven by the Patriarchs.

The goals we speak of are lofty, but they can be achieved; of this there is no doubt! Most of our actions will be symbolic for a long time, requiring greater exertions to achieve true separation from the monotheistic Patriarchs who rule the West. But we will gain ground in spite of those who will try to stop us. It is an unfortunate truth that the first ones who will cry out against us will be from the neo-Pagan community. It will be these people, who call themselves "pacifists", but who in truth are desperate to see the Patriarchs who originally enslaved them remain in power, who have the greatest amount to lose if the Patriarchs are overthrown; for it is clear to them that if a Pagan Tribal Culture was to replace the Patriarchs, they would have to do without their myriad technological toys and conveniences, as well as having to start taking responsibility for themselves politically, which they now avoid as though it's a disease. They have become experts of the politics of submission, glorying in letting themselves be owned by the Enemy, heart and soul. Their attitude is one of: "Well, if we got the oppressors angry at us, they might not let us be pagans anymore." They aren't Pagan! The fact that their "beloved" Gods could only flourish in an atmosphere of Pagan Tribal Community is a minor consideration to them, because, in the end result, they are more concerned with their own "creature comfort" than the worship and perpetuation of their own Gods. Worse, still, is the stagnation they generate in their form of "worship" reaches to Native Traditions as they try to "eclectisize" them into their own ways against the wishes of the Native Peoples (Eg.: The American Indian Medicine Ways). They justify their inaction by proclaiming that

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Paganism has always been synonymous with "pacifism" while totally ignoring the fact that the ancient Pagan Goddesses and Gods carried swords, bows and spears as they taught their children war for freedom and survival. So as the neo-pagan community sits around grinning at the horrible violent revolutionaries, let them re-read their history books. The time has come for these people to draw the line between the empirical idea of fighting for the sake of conquest, and fighting to regain what is rightfully ours. The Pagans were never a "pacifistic" people. We did fight when our lands were taken and we were oppressed and WE SHALL FIGHT AGAIN!

STRENGTH!

-The Editors



### THE WAR FOR COMMUNITY

In the midst of constant fierce attack by the Patriarchial Monotheists, the Pagan Community, which should be pulling together to enable it to survive its enemies' stratagems, flounders in uncertainty and confusion as some of its members attempt to sell its basis, drown it in trend, and declare an "elite" caste over the "lesser"(!) Pagans. The Enemy smiles in quiet satisfaction at such self-destructive scenes, fostering media-hype that generates the idea of "occultists" (they refrain from using the term Pagan whenever they can) as kooks, bored suburbanites, brainwashed guru followers, misfits, drug addicts, and Satanists. There is a certain degree of truth in these allegations, however. Many people call themselves Pagan who are the furthest thing possible from the worshippers of the Ancient Goddesses and Gods of Communal Tribal culture. The popular image of Witches and Pagans (which, incidentally, come from the Old English "Wicce": to bend, and the Latin "pagani": one who lives in the country) is further deteriorated by the so-called "leaders" and "teachers" of the "modern" craft, who use their favorite science fiction or fantasy author as the basis for creating something they swear with nauseating zeal is eight thousand or more years old. If the Pagan Community will survive, Traditions must be returned to their original, uncorrupted Tribal forms and the co-opting of other peoples' Traditions must stop. Worshipping in a fashion claiming to be "British Traditional" should certainly not include elements of American Indian Shamanism cross-thatched into Greek Mystery Societies and "osterized" into Nordic Traditional devotion. Yet these and many others are constantly being shredded into pulp and molded into a "New" tradition to the disgusted protests of the Native Traditionalists who are being raped for eclecticism. These are some of the things that are destroying the Pagan Community, but there are more forces at work in

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the form of myriad know-it-alls who are strip-mining our heritages out from under us as we scream for a return to our own origins. The following is a brief and incomplete list of some of the "Problem Children of the Great Mother":

The-Never-Break-My-Oath-but-For-Fame-And-Cash-Writer: These are members of the (usually) more prominent Craft Traditions who, having taken the myriad oaths of secrecy and loyalty to their Craft and their Circle, say: "Oh, but it'll be good for the Craft if I make a small, immodest fortune by selling the soul of my religion." Thus, they always validate their abuses of our ways.

The-Sell-Magic-Spells-And-All-The-Tools-You're-Supposed-To-Make-Or-Have-Made-er: These are the Pagan Community's entrepreneurs. If you can't beat the system, become worse than it. Often, they run mail order houses that do anything by mail, from selling jewelry and tools, to performing correspondence Tarot readings and Circle Magic, to "authentic" fragments of this and that artifact believed lost for three thousand years. Just as often, they run shops that cater, in garish appearance, to the curious thrill seekers, while "making it clear" that they only want "true" worshippers to spend their money in the establishment. These people advertise in some of the more "cop-out" pagan periodicals that sell so well to the abusers, themselves. In this same category would be

The-Sell-Third-Degree-In-Two-Days-At-Seminar-At-Local-Pagan-Gatherings-er: These people are generally the worst of the "Learn every Tradition there is" rapists. Then they pass it on to new generations as as holy, ancient, traditional scripture (for a nominal fee).

The-Guru-Vampire: These are the leaders of "traditions" that demand self-abasement and "S&M-like" subservience from its members, who generally fit into the category of

If-My-High-Priestess-And-Priest-Tell-Me-To-Do-It-It's-Got-To-Be-Right-Follower. Often these leaders actually will declare themselves something like "Queen of all the Witches " or "King of all the Witches", or a similar "title" for whatever Pagan Tradition it happens to be.

The-It'll-All-Go-Away-When-The-New-Age-Comes-Without-Anyone-Doing-Any-Work-ers: These people seem to believe that even though they can clearly see the inherent evil in the Patriarchial systems, it will all miraculously go away when the cusp is passed and we are into the Aquarian Age.

The-Soft-Ware-Pagans: They generally want to travel far away from the Moon and the Sun to explore other galaxies while leaving their "Mother's" actual body, the Earth, in its "hopelessly ruined form". They expect aliens to save humanity from itself, either "out there" or by coming here. They put their Magickal tomes on floppy discs and consider the Great Rite to be "Computer Interface".

The-Desparately-Wishing-They-Were-Ancients: These people do anything to convince the Craft that their Tradition was the first true way.

The-"Pacifist"-Cop-Out-er: "Well, you can't make the establishment angry at you; they'll stop letting you worship." or "If we use force, (Gasp of Pain!) we're putting ourselves on their level. We can't save ourselves or the Earth with no regard for the cost, I mean, we'd have to take responsibility upon ourselves."

The-Overnight-Initiates: They either use some backdoor method of initiation, or they are initiated by an irresponsible priestess or priest who discovers that the acolyte is great in the sack and prefers that they prove their abilities on the "covenning couch".

The-Eclectic: They will take anyone's religion away from them for one more tradition notch on the athame.

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Then come the categories that don't even have a basis in any Craft Tradition, confused or otherwise: the Drug-Abuser, the "Evil" Practitioner of whatever "Lost Art", the Weekend Worshipper, the Medieval Society Fetishists, and the Patriarchial "Magician", who "conjures" "demons", "angels", and whatever else he can abuse.

This list necessarily fell into a sarcastic form, for, if it were not for the destruction they cause to our Community, they would be pitifully amusing. We can only hope that, in ancient fashion, we have placed a Satire powerful enough to make Cairpre, the Bard of Danu, smile in satisfaction as the boils come out in thousands across the faces of certain "pagans".

- Mathgan

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### THE CHAINS OF DECEIT

There is an active trend in the U.S.A. to try to "media-swing" the people under its citizenship to a far-right mentality. In every place that you may go where the Patriarchial government has access through the airwaves or direct environmental planning, a powerful and determined message is being broadcast over and over: "In all ways, fear everything concerned with left-wing politics." This message is presented in everything from soft-drink commercials (R.C. Cola), to rehearsed, "debriefed", "hostage" speeches (as a result of various Revolutionary takeovers and hijackings). The politicians are flocking around right-wing doors, and even the so-called "democrats" are becoming right-wing in an attempt to turn the tide of upcoming elections. "Liberal" politicians issue statements declaring the bombing of civilian installations in other countries as a way of restoring lost American "pride". All signs show the beginnings of a "war-lord" mentality being formed to enable a right-wing president to wield power against the Left, with unanimous, brainwashed, "popular" support.

Many encourage such thinking, even privately, deciding it will bring back the "frontier toughness" that made this country "great" once before. The implications of this are terrifying! When the Left is sufficiently suppressed in the U.S.A. as a "public" force, it would allow the para-military right-ists to declare a "commie-hunt" as an act done in the name of American purity. The fundamentalists would shortly raise the Ku-Klux-Klan to "national agency" status, using it as a tool of attack where they cannot penetrate "legally". This sort of "war-lord" mentality would, in the end, result in the destruction of the Pagan Community as a force "allowed" to exist in the open, even with an unfavorable media image. A return to the "good 'ol ways" of the "God-fearing American" will prove to be the resuscitating breath of the Inquisition in an all "new" and "improved" form. Many Pagans would be put in "relocation" camps, (the U.S.A.'s "polite" term for Concentration Camps), for their own "safety". The remnants would have gone undercover until there is time to make a significant retaliatory strike, hand in hand with members of other Left movements. Many more will be murdered "resisting arrest" (while wearing handcuffs, lying on the ground).

Pagans are, by and large, a Communal people to begin with.

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There are certain factions of "pagans" who believe in a right-wing system, but a true Pagan can have only so much respect for a "sister" or "brother" who is for the raping of their Mother for profit, then sectioning the remains into neat saleable squares. These will be the first to "change religious horses in mid-stream", or stand dumb-founded in front of a barrage of K.K.K. bullets shouting, "This is America; you can't do this!".

The Pagan Community must decide its politics (although it calls itself "above" such issues) so it may survive. It must learn to take responsibility for itself, and soon, for though there are active political forces that are fully against the U.S.A., and equally powerful, they do not truly want to fight a war that would destroy human life in numbers reaching the potential billions, unlike the U.S.A., which is not very concerned with human life, just property. These other forces are hoping that the Activist/Revolutionary minded of the West, and the U.S.A. in particular, will see the chains being forged that we are helping to link together by inaction. The people of the Western countries, who have not long known the truth, must wake up before it's too late. In the name of Paganism! In the name of survival of life on Earth!

- Siannan

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